

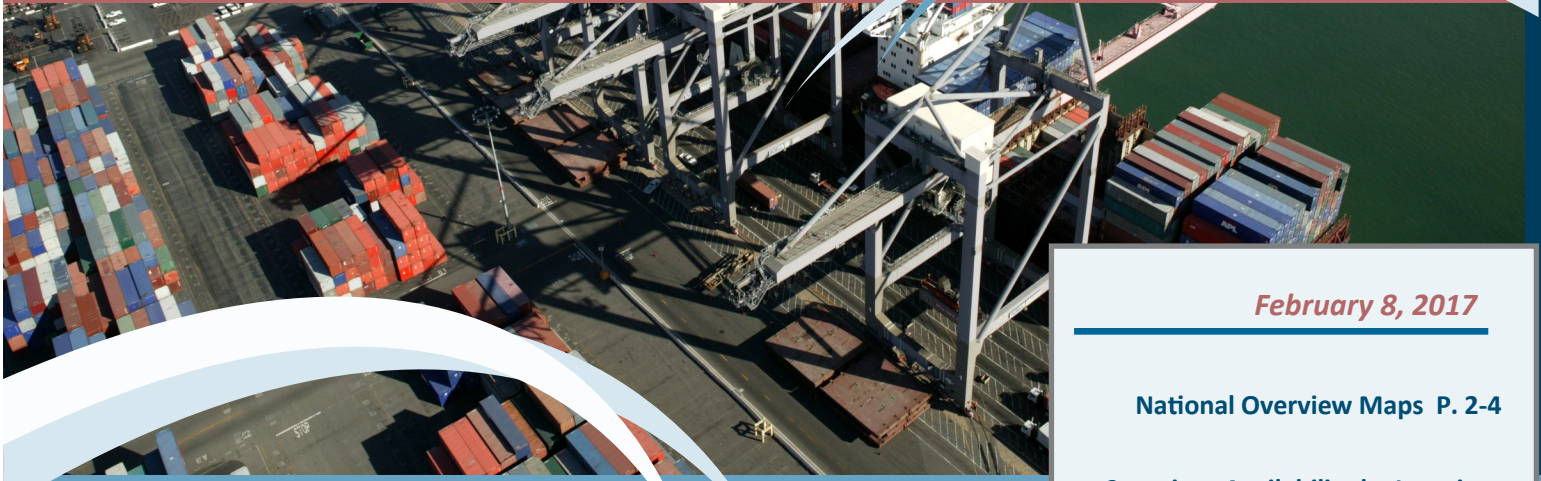


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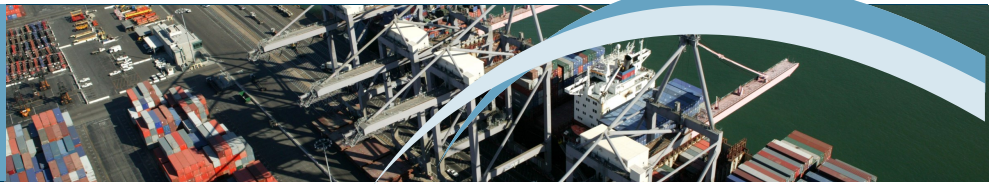
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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by five ocean container carriers.

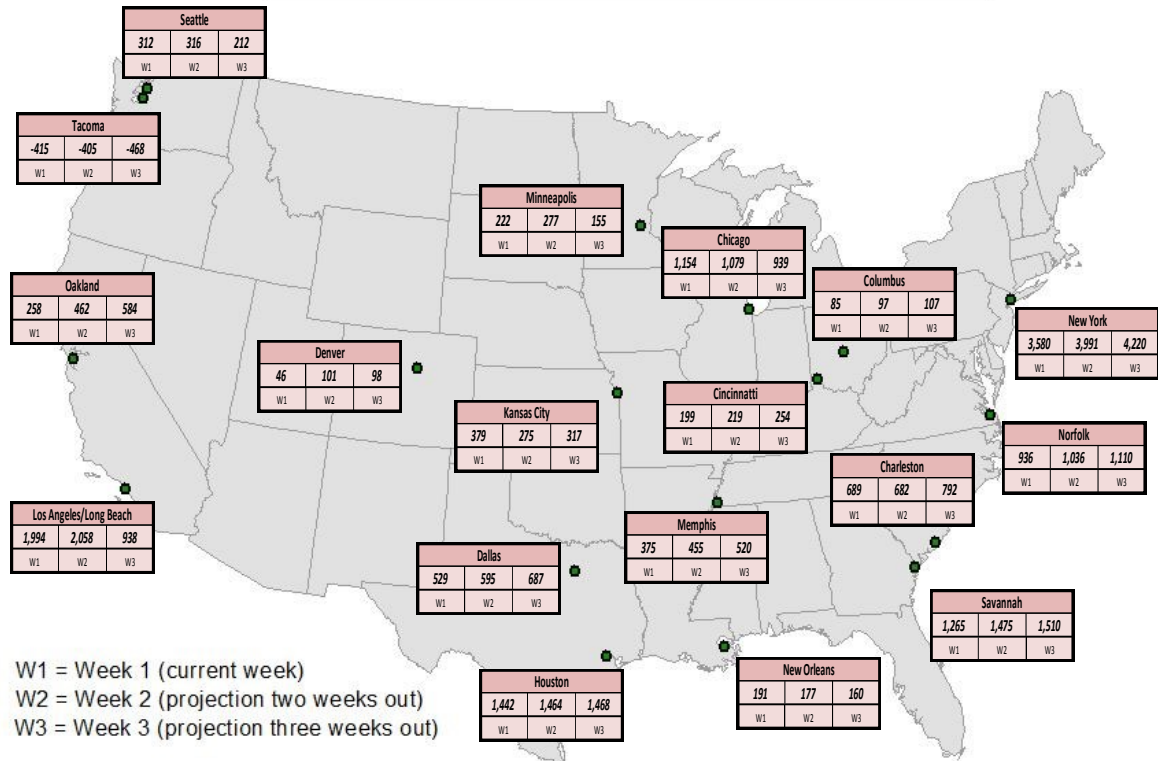
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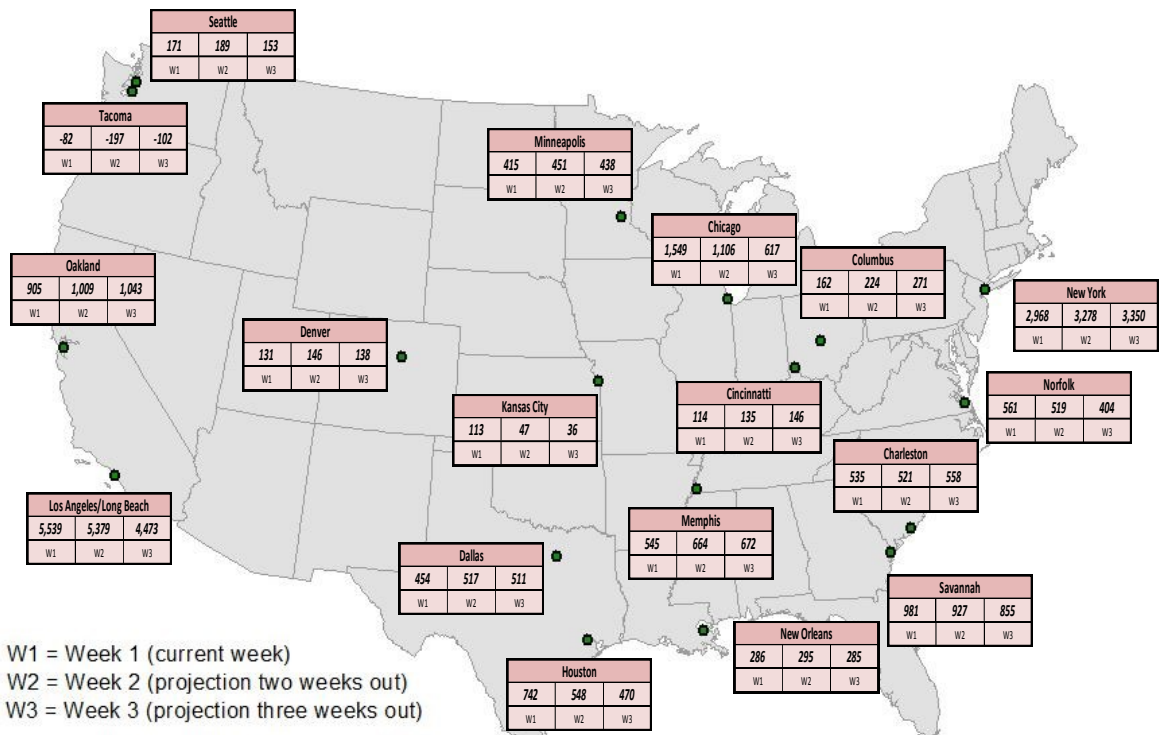
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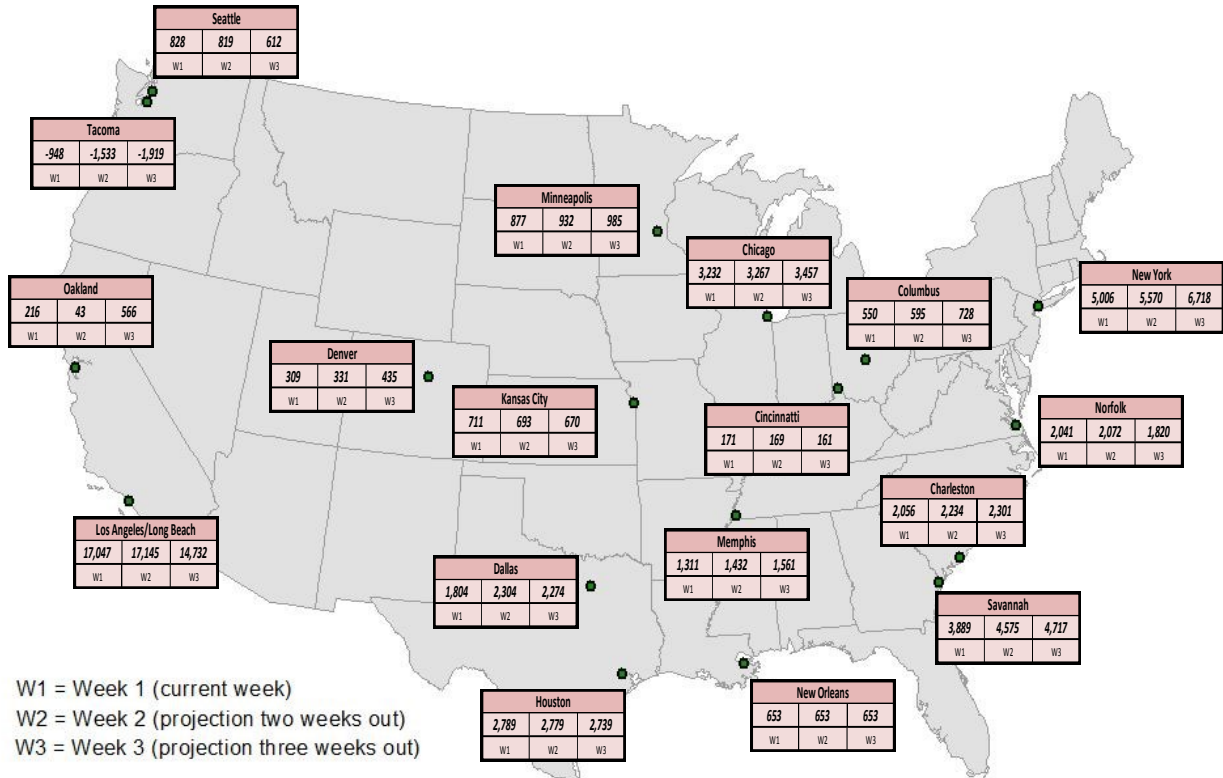


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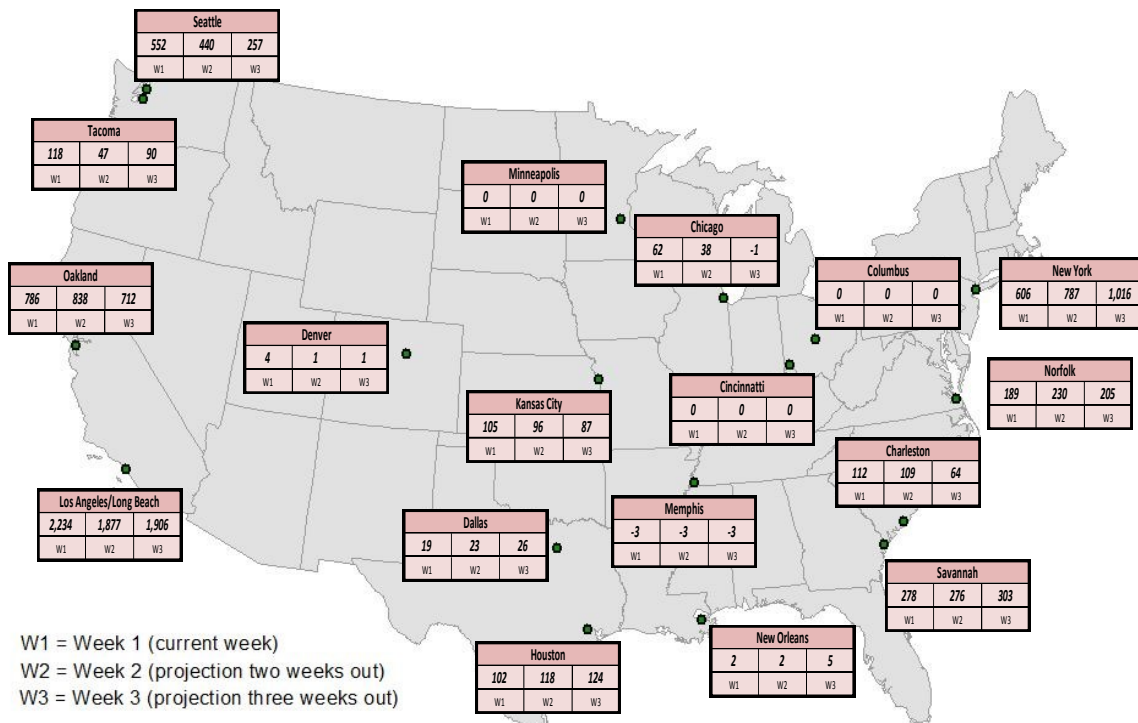




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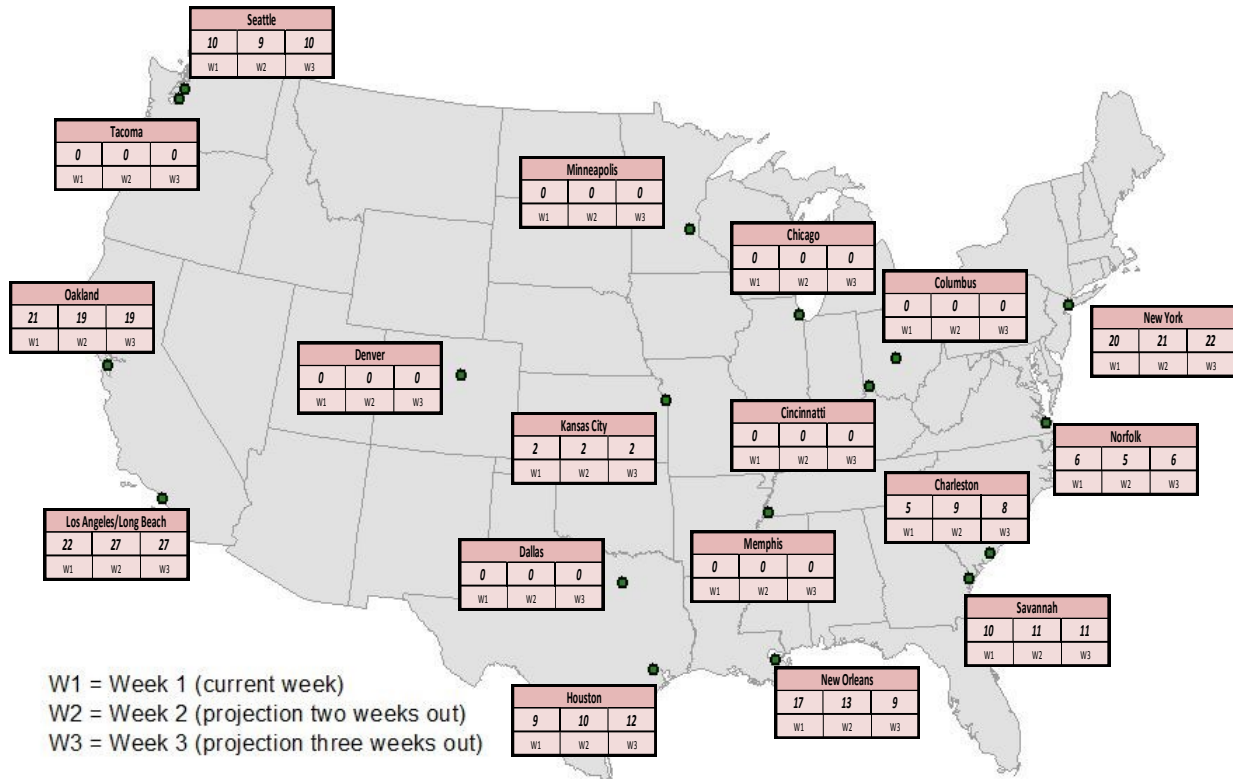


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Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	218	150	145	114	62	689
Week 2: Feb 15-21	218	130	216	39	79	682
Week 3: Feb 22-28	218	130	251	80	113	792
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	356	237	214	20	-14	813
Week 2: Feb 15-21	356	155	249	30	39	829
Week 3: Feb 22-28	356	156	231	30	-2	771
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	1086	383	253	194	140	2,056
Week 2: Feb 15-21	1086	561	201	236	150	2,234
Week 3: Feb 22-28	1,086	632	232	201	150	2,301
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	54	25	25	4	4	112
Week 2: Feb 15-21	40	35	27	4	3	109
Week 3: Feb 22-28	34	2	20	4	4	64
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	3	2	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Feb 15-21	7	2	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Feb 22-28	6	2	.	.	.	8

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Chicago						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	505	312	215	97	25	1,154
Week 2: Feb 15-21	536	312	136	95	0	1,079
Week 3: Feb 22-28	399	312	209	-11	30	939
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	706	634	159	50	0	1,549
Week 2: Feb 15-21	602	634	-180	50	0	1,106
Week 3: Feb 22-28	406	634	-461	38	0	617
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	1,367	1,290	335	220	20	3,232
Week 2: Feb 15-21	1,564	1,290	203	210	0	3,267
Week 3: Feb 22-28	1,702	1,290	301	164	0	3,457
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	45	15	2	.	.	62
Week 2: Feb 15-21	31	5	2	.	.	38
Week 3: Feb 22-28	-10	8	1	.	.	-1
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0

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Cincinnati						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	91	46	45	11	6	199
Week 2: Feb 15-21	123	48	45	3	0	219
Week 3: Feb 22-28	144	48	45	2	15	254
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	56	50	6	2	0	114
Week 2: Feb 15-21	76	50	-3	2	10	135
Week 3: Feb 22-28	88	50	4	-1	5	146
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	98	78	0	-1	-4	171
Week 2: Feb 15-21	98	127	10	5	-71	169
Week 3: Feb 22-28	98	134	10	-3	-78	161
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0

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Columbus						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	37	29	22	0	-3	85
Week 2: Feb 15-21	35	29	28	0	5	97
Week 3: Feb 22-28	34	29	37	10	-3	107
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	84	42	38	30	-32	162
Week 2: Feb 15-21	125	42	47	0	10	224
Week 3: Feb 22-28	139	42	67	60	-37	271
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	273	188	43	30	16	550
Week 2: Feb 15-21	388	188	3	0	16	595
Week 3: Feb 22-28	458	188	11	60	11	728
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0

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Dallas						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	187	136	121	70	15	529
Week 2: Feb 15-21	252	163	105	70	5	595
Week 3: Feb 22-28	225	211	181	70	0	687
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	180	161	151	0	-38	454
Week 2: Feb 15-21	180	116	319	0	-98	517
Week 3: Feb 22-28	180	89	379	10	-147	511
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	570	444	418	372	0	1,804
Week 2: Feb 15-21	721	693	418	472	0	2,304
Week 3: Feb 22-28	448	806	418	572	30	2,274
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	19	0	.	.	.	19
Week 2: Feb 15-21	23	0	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Feb 22-28	26	0	.	.	.	26
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0

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Denver						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	24	19	3	0	0	46
Week 2: Feb 15-21	32	29	3	-1	38	101
Week 3: Feb 22-28	41	41	3	13	0	98
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	94	26	4	4	3	131
Week 2: Feb 15-21	99	26	3	15	3	146
Week 3: Feb 22-28	93	26	6	9	4	138
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	247	36	14	12	0	309
Week 2: Feb 15-21	263	36	18	14	0	331
Week 3: Feb 22-28	363	36	24	-4	16	435
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	4	0	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Feb 15-21	1	0	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Feb 22-28	1	0	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0

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Houston						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	1,295	129	25	0	-7	1,442
Week 2: Feb 15-21	1,295	145	25	0	-1	1,464
Week 3: Feb 22-28	1,295	141	44	5	-17	1,468
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	604	95	52	5	-14	742
Week 2: Feb 15-21	604	108	-87	0	-77	548
Week 3: Feb 22-28	604	113	-199	7	-55	470
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	2,578	178	28	3	2	2,789
Week 2: Feb 15-21	2,578	211	36	-46	0	2,779
Week 3: Feb 22-28	2,578	186	20	-52	7	2,739
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	100	2	0	.	.	102
Week 2: Feb 15-21	116	2	0	.	.	118
Week 3: Feb 22-28	122	2	0	.	.	124
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	9	0	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Feb 15-21	10	0	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Feb 22-28	12	0	.	.	.	12

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Kansas City						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	253	63	59	5	-1	379
Week 2: Feb 15-21	160	63	52	0	0	275
Week 3: Feb 22-28	200	63	52	4	-2	317
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	52	45	16	0	0	113
Week 2: Feb 15-21	52	-19	14	0	0	47
Week 3: Feb 22-28	52	-22	6	0	0	36
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	564	145	10	0	-8	711
Week 2: Feb 15-21	564	165	0	-1	-35	693
Week 3: Feb 22-28	564	161	0	0	-55	670
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	60	45	0	.	.	105
Week 2: Feb 15-21	60	36	0	.	.	96
Week 3: Feb 22-28	65	22	0	.	.	87
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	2	2
Week 2: Feb 15-21	2	2
Week 3: Feb 22-28	2	2

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Los Angeles and Long Beach						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	1,169	796	115	40	-126	1,994
Week 2: Feb 15-21	1,172	1,004	115	50	-283	2,058
Week 3: Feb 22-28	364	947	115	50	-538	938
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	2,726	1,355	787	471	200	5,539
Week 2: Feb 15-21	2,726	1,648	565	220	220	5,379
Week 3: Feb 22-28	2,726	1,662	36	-171	220	4,473
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	9,290	4,254	2,462	541	500	17,047
Week 2: Feb 15-21	9,290	4,768	1,820	757	510	17,145
Week 3: Feb 22-28	9,290	4,091	591	250	510	14,732
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	792	588	440	339	75	2,234
Week 2: Feb 15-21	807	586	150	259	75	1,877
Week 3: Feb 22-28	790	492	400	149	75	1,906
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	12	10	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Feb 15-21	17	10	.	.	.	27
Week 3: Feb 22-28	17	10	.	.	.	27

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Memphis						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	144	111	90	25	5	375
Week 2: Feb 15-21	144	126	150	30	5	455
Week 3: Feb 22-28	144	145	205	35	-9	520
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	378	122	35	10	0	545
Week 2: Feb 15-21	537	122	18	0	-13	664
Week 3: Feb 22-28	603	122	-7	15	-61	672
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	654	454	89	64	50	1,311
Week 2: Feb 15-21	654	664	60	54	0	1,432
Week 3: Feb 22-28	654	761	105	26	15	1,561
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0	-3	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0	-3	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0	-3	.	.	.	-3
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0

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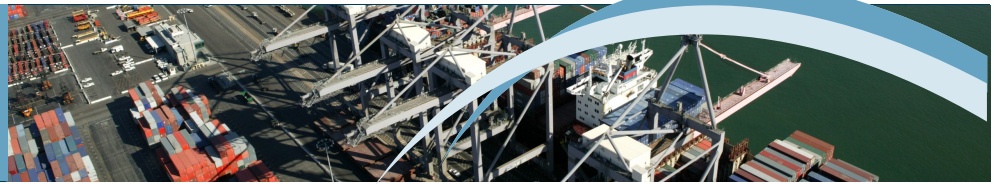
Minneapolis						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	121	97	43	0	-39	222
Week 2: Feb 15-21	121	111	51	0	-6	277
Week 3: Feb 22-28	121	-3	62	0	-25	155
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	344	122	46	3	-100	415
Week 2: Feb 15-21	344	153	49	10	-105	451
Week 3: Feb 22-28	344	166	73	10	-155	438
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	556	155	135	27	4	877
Week 2: Feb 15-21	556	188	159	19	10	932
Week 3: Feb 22-28	556	175	171	73	10	985
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0

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New Orleans						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	115	71	5	0	0	191
Week 2: Feb 15-21	115	56	5	1	0	177
Week 3: Feb 22-28	115	31	9	0	5	160
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	230	29	27	0	0	286
Week 2: Feb 15-21	230	39	26	0	0	295
Week 3: Feb 22-28	230	30	27	-2	0	285
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	496	120	35	2	0	653
Week 2: Feb 15-21	496	117	38	2	0	653
Week 3: Feb 22-28	496	118	38	1	0	653
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	2	0	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Feb 15-21	2	0	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Feb 22-28	5	0	.	.	.	5
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	17	17
Week 2: Feb 15-21	13	13
Week 3: Feb 22-28	9	9

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New York						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	1,289	1,245	547	449	50	3,580
Week 2: Feb 15-21	1,289	1,377	623	657	45	3,991
Week 3: Feb 22-28	1,289	1,435	586	865	45	4,220
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	1,073	980	898	15	2	2,968
Week 2: Feb 15-21	1,160	980	1,006	20	112	3,278
Week 3: Feb 22-28	1,358	980	1,133	20	-141	3,350
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	2,360	1,388	1,036	142	80	5,006
Week 2: Feb 15-21	2,360	1,825	1,085	225	75	5,570
Week 3: Feb 22-28	2,360	2,393	1,802	88	75	6,718
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	217	200	109	70	10	606
Week 2: Feb 15-21	313	277	177	10	10	787
Week 3: Feb 22-28	430	385	139	52	10	1,016
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	15	5	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Feb 15-21	16	5	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Feb 22-28	17	5	.	.	.	22

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Norfolk						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	368	334	191	23	20	936
Week 2: Feb 15-21	376	405	191	39	25	1,036
Week 3: Feb 22-28	428	453	191	13	25	1,110
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	296	180	99	5	-19	561
Week 2: Feb 15-21	296	136	70	10	7	519
Week 3: Feb 22-28	296	84	65	10	-51	404
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	1,346	492	186	80	-63	2,041
Week 2: Feb 15-21	1,346	466	199	90	-29	2,072
Week 3: Feb 22-28	1,346	432	59	90	-107	1,820
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	92	66	35	10	-14	189
Week 2: Feb 15-21	101	59	73	10	-13	230
Week 3: Feb 22-28	110	40	58	10	-13	205
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	5	1	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Feb 15-21	5	5
Week 3: Feb 22-28	5	1	.	.	.	6

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Oakland						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	205	119	6	0	-72	258
Week 2: Feb 15-21	282	119	4	0	57	462
Week 3: Feb 22-28	263	119	-16	0	218	584
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	546	205	89	33	32	905
Week 2: Feb 15-21	546	245	38	125	55	1,009
Week 3: Feb 22-28	546	260	138	100	-1	1,043
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	534	325	21	-187	-477	216
Week 2: Feb 15-21	534	316	0	-321	-486	43
Week 3: Feb 22-28	534	119	165	-549	297	566
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	325	253	185	30	-7	786
Week 2: Feb 15-21	280	226	298	30	4	838
Week 3: Feb 22-28	294	187	207	30	-6	712
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	20	1	.	.	.	21
Week 2: Feb 15-21	20	-1	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Feb 22-28	20	-1	.	.	.	19

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Note : Reefer container availability data for Mitsui OSK Line available through San Francisco instead of Oakland.



Savannah						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	513	417	165	140	30	1,265
Week 2: Feb 15-21	513	504	212	206	40	1,475
Week 3: Feb 22-28	513	570	114	273	40	1,510
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	422	398	76	60	25	981
Week 2: Feb 15-21	422	460	-14	50	9	927
Week 3: Feb 22-28	422	573	-136	50	-54	855
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	2,624	575	297	253	140	3,889
Week 2: Feb 15-21	2,624	802	465	554	130	4,575
Week 3: Feb 22-28	2,624	993	597	373	130	4,717
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	159	69	40	10	0	278
Week 2: Feb 15-21	140	67	41	10	18	276
Week 3: Feb 22-28	159	79	40	10	15	303
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	9	1	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Feb 15-21	10	1	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Feb 22-28	10	1	.	.	.	11

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Seattle						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	139	101	60	12	.	312
Week 2: Feb 15-21	139	112	73	-8	.	316
Week 3: Feb 22-28	139	72	18	-17	.	212
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	108	58	9	-4	.	171
Week 2: Feb 15-21	122	58	16	-7	.	189
Week 3: Feb 22-28	101	58	0	-6	.	153
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	489	311	16	12	.	828
Week 2: Feb 15-21	489	252	-28	106	.	819
Week 3: Feb 22-28	489	174	-53	2	.	612
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	439	70	22	21	.	552
Week 2: Feb 15-21	297	100	22	21	.	440
Week 3: Feb 22-28	136	80	20	21	.	257
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	10	0	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Feb 15-21	9	0	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Feb 22-28	10	0	.	.	.	10

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Tacoma						
20ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	39	32	26	-512	.	-415
Week 2: Feb 15-21	39	0	32	-476	.	-405
Week 3: Feb 22-28	39	0	41	-548	.	-468
40ft Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	107	6	0	-195	.	-82
Week 2: Feb 15-21	129	6	47	-379	.	-197
Week 3: Feb 22-28	116	6	42	-266	.	-102
40ft High Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	398	29	6	-1,381	.	-948
Week 2: Feb 15-21	-299	29	7	-1,270	.	-1,533
Week 3: Feb 22-28	-781	29	0	-1,167	.	-1,919
40ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	255	80	3	-220	.	118
Week 2: Feb 15-21	172	.	3	-128	.	47
Week 3: Feb 22-28	153	.	3	-66	.	90
20ft Refrigerated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Feb 8-14	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 15-21	0	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Feb 22-28	0	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.



Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 5 ocean carriers including COSCO Shipping, Evergreen, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, OOCL, and Mitsui OSK Line.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 2–4 offer a national overview of weekly container availability. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
- Terminology:
 - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
 - 20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.
 - Chassis: A wheeled frame to which a shipping container can be locked for storage or movement. (Plural chassis)



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